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Dear Councillor Gilligan

### RE: Neighbourhood Engagement

I wanted to write to say sorry I am about the delay *in* confirming the detail of a new approach to neighbourhood engagement. I am conscious that you have made several attempts, both as a Councillor and as the Chief Executive of Compassion in Action, to get some clarification - you have been very clear about the need for the Council to provide the right opportunities for the people of Lowton to make their views known and get involved in decisions about their area.

I am grateful for your contribution to the debate as Joint Chair of Golborne Lowton Township Forum, during Forum of Chairs meetings and as a representative of the joint chairs on the LSP Board, Your obvious passion for the people you represent and the robust way you have challenged ideas that have needed further development have been particularly valued.

As you aware, following the review work with each of the former Township Forums, some ideas for a new approach to neighbourhood engagement were put to Members in early June. Members asked for more information before reaching their conclusions, to take account of the reform of the Local Strategic Partnership and the extensive restructuring of the Council workforce. This work is now almost complete and the conclusions drawn are due to be presented to Cabinet at their meeting in November. I expect to be able to confirm the detail of the new approach after this point.

Once again, my apologies for the delay and the frustration this has caused you.

Yours sincerely

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